



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1972



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to submit for your information, the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1972. The population seems to be stabilising around 4,800; the vital statistics continued to follow the natural pattern. The incidence of infectious disease was almost negligible and the general health was good.

Following many years of frustration, the resewering of the District was commenced and good progress seems to have been maintained. It is a relief to know that crude sewage is now being treated via the Horwich Authority's Works.

I gratefully acknowledge the help and co-operation I have received from Mr. Wood and other colleagues in the Office.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.



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## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	. . . . .	2392.4
Population Census 1971	. . . . .	4810
Population Estimated	. . . . .	4800
Number of inhabited dwellings at end of 1971	. . . . .	1632
Rateable Value	. . . . .	£159,985
Sum represented by a penny rate	. . . . .	£1,499
Social Conditions - No material change		

## BIRTHS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live Births:			
Legitimate	87	45	42
Illegitimate	2	1	1
	<u>89</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>43</u>

Live birth rate per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	. . . . .	18.5
Local Area comparability factor	. . . . .	.92
Adjusted rate	. . . . .	17.0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	. . . . .	1.15
Illegitimate livebirths as percentage of all live births		2

## Still Births:

Legitimate	2	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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Still Birth rate per 1,000 (live & still births)			
Total Live & Still Births	90	46	44

DEATHS:

Deaths - all ages	47	24	23
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)			
Legitimate	5	4	1
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	1	-	1





INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000	. . . . .	34
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	. . . . .	34
Illigitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	. . . . .	-
Neonatal Mortality Rate deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	. . . . .	11
Early neonatal mortality rate deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births	. . . . .	11
Perinatal mortality rate, still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total births. .		22

Death Rates etc. (all ages)

Deaths per 1,000 home population (crude rate)	. . . . .	9.8
Area Comparability Factor	. . . . .	1.54
Adjusted Rate	. . . . .	15.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	. . . . .	1.25



CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972:

	<u>All Ages</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	1	-
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1	1
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	3	2	1
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	1	-
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	-	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	3	1
B23 Anaemias	1	-	1
B46(4) Multiple Sclerosis	1	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	9	3
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	-	2
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	9	3	6
B32 Pneumonia	3	1	2
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	1	1
B46(9) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	-	1
B46(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	-	1
B42 Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	1	1	-
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	1	-
	<u>47</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>



# S E C T I O N                    ' B '

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

### Ambulance Service:

Tel: Swinton 061 794 4343

### Clinics:

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| 1. | Ante Natal and Post Natal<br>106 Church Street  | Tuesday afternoon  |
| 2. | Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis and Measles Immunisation.<br>164 New Street, Blackrod:     | 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month<br>2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  |
| 3. | Child Welfare:<br>164 New Street, Blackrod.<br>2nd & 4th Tuesday in month<br>1st & 3rd Tuesday in month | Doctor present<br>2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m.<br>2-00 p.m. to 4-00 p.m. (No doctor)   |
| 4. | Ophthalmic:<br>School Health Clinics:   | Jones Street, Horwich<br>By Appointment.   |
| 5. | Orthopaedic:<br>School Health Clinics:  | Jones Street, Horwich<br>By Appointment  |
| 6. | Tuberculosis Dispensary and<br>Chest Clinic:  | Civic Centre, Bolton.  |
| 7. | Venereal Disease:<br>i) Civic Centre, Bolton:<br>Enquiries -  | Males: Mon.to Fri. 9-30am - 12-30am<br>Mon.Wed.Fri. 4-30pm - 7-00pm<br><br>Females: Tues.Thurs.Sat.<br>9-30am - 11-30am.                                   |
|    | ii) Royal Albert Edward<br>Infirmary, Wigan:  | Males: Fri. 2-30 pm - 6-30 pm<br>Females: Wed. 2-00 pm - 6-00 pm<br><br>Urgent Cases:<br>Monday to friday 9-00 am to 5-00 pm<br>Saturday 4-30 pm - 7-00 pm |



8. Convalescence:

Under arrangements made by Lancashire County Council -  
Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

9. Convalescent Treatment:

Under arrangements by the Regional Hospital Board.

10. Health Visiting Service:

Health Visitors, School Nurses are employed in the District  
by the Lancashire County Council.

11. Home Nursing Service:

District Nurses are employed in the district by the  
Lancashire County Council.

12. Hospitals:

Bolton Royal Infirmary  
Bolton & District General Hospital, Farnworth.  
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.  
Chorley and District General Hospital.  
Billinge Hospital, Upholland.

13. Laboratory Facilities:

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Informaries.

14. Maternity Homes:

Haslam, Havercroft and Heaton Grange Maternity Homes, Bolton.  
Bolton & District General Hospital.  
Billinge Hospital.

15. Midwifery Service:

Domiciliary Midwives employed by the Lancashire County Council  
practice in the district.

16. Nursing Homes:

Newlands Nursing Home - Bolton.  
Christopher Nursing Home - Wigan.





17. Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children:

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

18. Council for Family Care Association.

Miss Rigby, Scott House, Silverwell Street, Bolton. Tel: Bolton 26524.

19. X-Ray Facilities:

Available at Bolton Royal Infirmary and Wigan Infirmary.

Special Facilities for Chest X-Ray at the Hospital Board's  
Dispensaries and Chest Clinics.



## SECTION 1 C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water Supply:

The Urban District is part of the Bolton Corporation water supply area, the supply has been satisfactory in quantity; no restrictions on the use of water having been made during the year. All premises in the district are supplied with water from public mains.

There were twelve samples of water taken for bacteriological examination and these were found to be satisfactory. Several complaints of dirty water were received and these were mainly in areas with 'dead end' mains, which after flushing cleared the dirty water complaints.

#### Drainage and Sewerage:

The scheme for the re sewer ing of the district has finally got under way, and during the year the Contractor engaged on this work has made good progress. At the end of the year a large part of the district's sewerage is now being treated at the works of the Horwich U.D.C. During the early part of 1973 the scheme should be completed.

Several extensions to the existing sewer system have been made by housing developers to enable new properties under construction to be connected to the sewer system.

#### Public Cleansing:

Some 1920 refuse bins emptied on a weekly collection basis and this service is maintained over the year with the exception of one week in July and September during the local holidays when the men have their annual holidays.

Plastic sacks are supplied to householders during this period to provide additional storage facilities.

The Local Authority provide dust bins to all domestic properties and the cost is a rate borne service.

The vehicle used for refuse collection is a 25 cubic yard dual tip capacity working five days per week and manned by two drivers and three men.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping by arrangement with Horwich U.D.C. on their tip on the Red Moss, for which an annual charge is paid for these facilities.



### Sanitary Inspections during the year:

The department received some 69 complaints relating to matters including refuse removal, faulty drains and housing defects. Some 820 premises were visited for all purposes and 1324 visits made. Some 25 defects or nuisances were discovered and 18 were abated during the year.

### Clean Air Act 1956:

Numbers 1, 2, and 3, Smoke Control Orders are now operative and include some 1400 premises.

Number 4 Smoke Control Order received approval on the 23rd August 1972 and becomes operative on the 1st September 1973. This area covers 966 acres and includes 327 premises.

This No.4. Order complete the smoke control area for the district.

The table below indicates the monthly averages of the extent of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide in the atmosphere.

	<u>SMOKE PARTICLES</u>		<u>SULPHUR DIOXIDE</u>	
	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Day Recorded.</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Highest Day Recorded.</u>
January	88	207	107	200
February	66	129 *	76	178 *
March	122	138	130	160
April	19	58	28	54
May	24	35	21	43
June	19	43	23	61
July	16	47	62	91
August	23	60	55	150
September	35	114	77	240
October	40	79	121	180
November	43	150	75	200
December	50	180	106	340

\* affected by electricity power cuts.

### Offensive Trades:

There are no premises in the District in relation to an establishment where offensive trade is carried out.

Common Lodging Houses	-	None Registered
Houses Let in Lodgings	-	None Registered



### Schools:

There are four Junior and Infant Schools in the District and the sanitary accommodation is adequate at all schools. Water facilities from the public mains are adequate at all schools and meals for one school are prepared on the premises; at the other three schools, meals are prepared outside and brought to the school in insulated containers.

### Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act 1951:

There are no premises registered under the above Act.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949:

A part time operator is employed on rodent control work. Complaints of rodents are investigated and treatment carried out as required.

	Non- <u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	18	6
Number of properties found to be infested by		
Rats	14	6
Mice	4	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	316	24
Number infested by Rats	7	2
Mice	3	-

Areas of waste land and sites of former refuse tips have been treated for rodents.

The sewer system including all manholes have been treated for rodents.





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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supplies:

55 Samples of milk have been taken from producer retailers and submitted for bacteriological examination.

55 samples examined for Brucella were found to be negative.

Food Hygiene:

Shops and food preparing premises have been visited during the year at least on one occasion, and conditions generally were found to be satisfactory. Items of detail being discussed with the occupiers of the premises. The following table shows the number and type selling food :-

1. Green Grocers and Provision Dealers	12
2. Green Grocers and fruiterers	2
3. Fishmongers	-
4. Meat Shops	3
5. Bakers and/or Confectioners	1
6. Fried Fish Shops	4
7. Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream	3
8. Licenced premises, Clubs, Cafes, Snack Bars, and similar catering establishments	13

Food Poisoning:

There were no cases of food poisoning notified during the year.

Slaughterhouses:

There are no slaughterhouses in use in the district; all carcass meat being slaughtered outside the district.



Factories Act 1937 to 1961:

In accordance with the provision of Section 153 (1) of the Factories Act 1961, the Medical Officer of Health is required to report specifically on the administration of matters under part I and VIII of this Act, which are administered by the District Council.

PART I OF THE ACT

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health -

<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	9	9	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority -	-	-	-	-
	9	9	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT.CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp.(S3)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Inadequate vent'n (S4)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences(S7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defect.	Nil	-	-	-	-
(c) Not sep. for sexes	Nil	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the act (not incl.offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Total:	Nil	-	-	-	-



PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK.

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

The following is a statement showing the numbers and types of premises registered and the inspections made during the year :-

<u>Class of Premises.</u>	<u>No. of Premises registered during the year.</u>	<u>No. of Premises registered at end of year.</u>	<u>No. of registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year.</u>
Offices	1	2	1
Retail Shops	1	11	8
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	1
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
Totals	2	16	12



HOUSING

The Local Authority have completed 16 one-bedroom flat units for aged persons and five private dwellings have been completed during the year.

The following shows in detail the work carried out during the year under review

(a) Inspection of dwelling houses:

Number of houses inspected for defects	430
Number of inspections made for the purpose	545

(b) Slum Clearance.

Number of Demolition Orders made during the year	1
Number of houses demolished and site cleared.	12

Improvement of older houses:

The following table shows the extent of this work during 1972:-

(a) Improvement Grants:

13 applications for Improvement Grants were received and 10 applications were approved.  
One property was completed during the year.

(b) Standard Grants:

<u>No. of applications received</u>		<u>No. of applications approved</u>		<u>No. of houses improved</u>	
<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
<u>Occupier</u>		<u>Occupier</u>		<u>Occupier</u>	
9	1	8	1	5	-

Amenities Provided.

<u>Fixed Bath</u>	<u>Wash Hand Basin</u>	<u>Hot Water Supply</u>	<u>Inside W.C.</u>
6	8	6	11

House Lettings:

Sixteen dwellings were re-let and 16 new one-bedroom flats were occupied, these were selected from the Council's housing waiting lists.

There are 152 applications on the Council's housing waiting list of which 110 are resident outside the district.

Eighteen applications for aged persons bungalows are also listed.





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Prevalance of, and Control over Infectious and  

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other Diseases.  

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Diphtheria	No cases notified
Encephalitis	No cases notified
Measles	1 case notified
Acute Meningitis	No cases notified
Paratyphoid Fever	No cases notified
Poliomyelities	No cases notified
Scarlet Fever	1 case notified
Small Pox	No cases notified
Tuberculosis	1 case notified
Typhoid Fever	No cases notified
Whooping Cough	No cases notified
Foot Poisoning	No cases notified

